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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —

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BOB ROGERS, *Evangelist*

WHAT is sin? Are you a sinner? Most people would like to reply a loud NO! But wait. How do you know unless you know what sin literally is?

People like to blame "sin" for all the world's troubles—and rightly so—but few want to name it. Your Bible says, "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Now, just as sure as "sin is the transgression of the law," the "sinner" is the "transgressor" of the law. Now that, my friend, leaves you but one conclusion. If you are breaking, transgressing, disobeying God's law, you are a sinner.

LAW

But since the Bible speaks of many different laws, which law is it the transgression of, which is said to be "sin"? This is a definite law. Rom. 7:7: "I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

What law said that? Read the entire twentieth chapter of Exodus and you will learn that "Thou shalt not covet" is the tenth of the Ten Commandments. So it is by the Ten Commandment Law that one knows sin.

Note that Paul includes this whole law for New Testament people. "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good" (Rom. 7:12). No one precept of that law is any more important than another. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). This law is again identified as the Ten Commandments by the next

verse: "For he that said Thou shalt not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law."

What have we learned?

(1) Sin is the breaking of God's Ten Commandments. This is the law by which we know sin (Rom. 3:20; 7:7, 12; Ex. 20:1-17).

(2) All points of this law are of equal force. Break one and you are as guilty of sin as if you broke them all (James 2:10-12). If you don't remember the sabbath day, "to keep it holy" (Ex. 20:8-11) and on that day "cease from your work as God did from his" (Heb. 4:9, 10), you are as guilty of sin as anyone who kills, steals, or commits adultery.

DEATH

If you are living a life of disobedience to any one of these Ten Commandments, you are a sinner. The Bible says, "All have sinned" (Rom. 3:23). That means you. Someone might think he has never sinned, but wait a minute. The Bible says you have, and you know you have, too. Some examples: (1) Did you ever take God's name in vain? Now that does not mean necessarily the coarse form of profanity. It simply means to use God's name in a careless manner. Those who never did are certainly few, if any. (2) Did you ever work for your own profit or simply "do your own pleasure" (Isa. 58:13) on God's holy day, the Sabbath?

Yes, even many religious people are sinners because they are deceived, and transgressing God's command to keep the seventh day holy; and are keeping the first day of the week in-

stead. And, there is not a bit of Bible authority to do so. Sin is no less sin hiding under the doorstep of a church than anywhere else. (3) Did you as a man ever look with lust upon a woman? (Matt. 5:28). (4) Did you ever feel hatred toward anyone? (1 John 3:18). (5) Did you ever want that which you had no right to possess? Covet it?

If you have ever done any one of these things or in any way broken any one of God's Ten Commandments, and you can't honestly say that you haven't (1 John 1:10), you are a sinner. You are in peril of your very life. Your Bible says "The wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). "A lake of fire which is the second death" (Rev. 21:8), is one that shall "burn them up and leave neither root nor branch" (Mal. 4:1).

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). "Those subject to it shall be as though they had not been" (Obadiah 16). "Having left to them neither root nor branch" (Mal. 4:1). No one can be saved unless he first sees himself condemned to death for his transgression of the holy law of God.

You have only one chance; quit sinning and get your past sins forgiven, otherwise you are as good as dead. "Death comes by sin" (Rom. 5:12). "Sin, when it is finished, brings forth death" (James 1:15).

HOW CAN YOU BE FORGIVEN?

Christ died for you! The wages of sin is death, but Christ bore those wages in your stead. He, by the grace of God, did taste death for every man (Heb. 2:9).

The devil wants to destroy you. If you serve the devil, you belong to

him. You are his property; you are his slave. "To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are" (Rom. 6:16). As long as you serve the devil by sinning, he has a just claim upon you and that claim will cost you your life. But your eternal death will be your own doing—not God's will (Ezek. 33:8-11).

Now if you will repent—quit sinning—Christ can save you. Christ has already died in your place. He has paid the claim of sin upon your life. He gave His life a ransom for you (Mark 10:45; 1 Tim. 2:6). This means simply that He interposes His own life and death between you and the penalty of your sins. The devil has no more claim upon you, because Christ has paid that claim.

But if you reject the atonement of Christ for the repentant, and continue to sin, you have no hope. "The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven . . . in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God and obey not the gospel. . . . Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power" (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

Your only choice is to obey the gospel or be destroyed. He is the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him (Heb. 5:8, 9). He will destroy all who do not obey (2 Thess. 1:7-9).

SALVATION

What must I do to be saved? A question often asked in the Bible. What is God's answer? "Repent and be baptized . . . in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin, and

ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38).

Repent. Quit sinning—stop disobeying God's laws. Put God first in your life. Learn to reverence His holy name. Quit desecrating His holy days. Honor your parents, learn to love your fellowman. Be true to your wife or husband and family. Be satisfied with what you have. Learn by the help of God's Holy Spirit to live within His laws. This is repentance. Quit breaking God's Ten Commandments (Rom. 2:13; Rom. 2:17-23). Be baptized. Be immersed in water (Acts 8:38).

When you have repented, you must "go down into the water" and "come up out of the water." Is this really necessary? Hear God's answer. Saul of Tarsus was a repentant man. He was told, "Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins" (Acts 22:16). Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16). Presumptuous indeed is the man who seeks to be saved while flaunting God's command to be baptized "for the remission of sins."

When you repent and are baptized, God promises to forgive every sin you have ever committed. It matters not what you have done. God says it shall be forgiven. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18, 19).

But there is a condition—"If you be willing and obedient" (Isa. 1:19). God will not forgive the man who persists in disobedience.

After you have been baptized and forgiven, you are to walk in "newness of life," says your Bible (Rom. 6:3-5). "Ye shall receive the Gift

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God's Sign of Sanctification

THE EDITOR

THE goal of all Christians is to become more like their Saviour, by achieving victory over the sinful nature which continually exerts a downward pull over their lives. This goal is called by various names—the victorious life, holiness, and sanctification, to name a few.

This desire to be holy comes from God. In Old Testament times the people were commanded to "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God" (Lev. 20:7), and to "be perfect with the Lord thy God" (Deut. 18:13). Later, during the times of the apostles, the same command was given by the Lord through Peter: "but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation" (1 Pet. 1:15). The word "conversation" had a much wider meaning when the King James Version of the Bible was translated than it does today. Other versions translate it as "conduct" or "behavior," and the Phillips Translation puts it as "in every department of your lives."

At first glance, this is a goal that is impossible to achieve; and from the human point, it *is* impossible. We have been promised, however, that the Lord does not expect the impossible from His children. So we are left with the problem of how we may become sanctified, or holy.

Imputed and Imparted Righteousness

First, it is necessary to realize that there are two kinds of righteousness—imputed and imparted. A sinner who first comes to Christ seeking forgiveness of his past transgressions has nothing to present in his favor before God but "filthy rags" (Isa. 64:6).

When he obtains forgiveness, however, he becomes righteous in God's sight; his sins have been blotted out by the blood of the Saviour, and his faith in the Saviour has made him whole. Like Abraham, the newly converted one is "fully persuaded, that what he [God] had promised, he was able to perform" (Rom. 4:21). And, like Abraham, it is "imputed to him for righteousness" (v. 22).

Like the son of a wealthy father, his debts are paid, not through any merit of his own, but solely because of his father's kindness. The dictionary defines *impute* "to credit to a person or cause."

Does this mean that from this time onward the individual who has accepted Christ as his Saviour from sin and has secured forgiveness of past transgressions rises above the chance of ever yielding to sin? Emphatically not!

The Apostle Paul realized this in his life. "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me," he confessed (Rom. 7:

21). Even if Paul had not made that statement, the converted sinner would soon discover by sad experience that conversion does not put him beyond the danger of yielding to temptation. The perfection toward which he strives seems always just beyond his grasp. In order to remain in God's favor, he must constantly confess sins which he has committed in moments of weakness. Like Peter, he may have times in which he feels that he has reached the point where he is no longer subject to some temptations; but he often finds soon after, as did Peter, that he has denied the Lord by his actions.

A successful Christian life must be one of constant spiritual growth. The Christian should find as he grows that his resistance to temptation becomes stronger. This is not due to any self-righteousness on his part, but is the result of his relying more on the heavenly resources available to him to withstand temptation. We might call this *imparted righteousness*. Like imputed righteousness, it comes from God and is not from within the individual.

How Holiness Is Achieved

A life of holiness is not easily attained; it does not come simply by taking things easy, sitting back, and waiting for power to come from above. It is called in the Bible a battle, a race. But the battle is not ours alone; just as did David when he confronted Goliath, we have help.

Perhaps the greatest struggle is the battle with ourselves, in becoming willing to let the Lord take full control of our lives in fighting the battles for us. We must be disciplined to the point where we will obey with-

out question the orders of our Commander, as do all good soldiers.

How may we achieve this stage of unquestioning obedience? In his letter to the believers at Corinth, Paul wrote, after describing their unsavory past: "but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jseus, and by the Spirit of our God" (1 Cor. 6:11). So to reach the state of holiness required, we must permit the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. In His prayer in Gethsemane, our Saviour prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Comparing these two texts, we may infer that a sincere, systematic reading of God's Word—the Bible—will help prepare us for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

The Signs of a Sanctified Life

In the greatest essay on love ever written, 1 Corinthians 13, Paul places love as the greatest thing in the world. John declared that "he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect..." (1 John 4:16, 17). Jesus declared that one who loves Him will keep His commandments (John 14:21), and that He will manifest Himself to him.

What happens when the Lord is manifest to us? "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor. 3:18). Like Ernest, whose life was made noble by gazing at the Great Stone Face in Nathaniel Hawthorne's story, we are changed by beholding Christ.

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The Sabbath

THE Sabbath was never intended to be a burden. "I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them" (Ezek. 20:12). Isaiah pleaded with Israel to keep the Sabbath "...and call the sabbath a delight..." (Isa. 58:13).

It is necessary to bear all this in remembrance when thinking of what the perverted ingenuity of the Rabbis made the Sabbath at the time of Christ, and probably even more in the generations following. For there is evidence that the Sabbath law has become stricter than it had been, since, for instance, the practice of taking an ox or an ass out of a pit, to which our Saviour alludes as uncontroverted, would now no longer be lawful, unless indeed, the animal were in actual danger of life; otherwise, it is to receive food and water in the pit. This "actual danger of life," whether to beast or to man (at any rate, to Israelites), determined the only cases in which a breach of the law of Sabbath-observance was allowed. At the outset, indeed, it must be admitted that the whole social Rabbinical legislation on the subject seems to rest on two sound underlying principles; negatively, the avoidance of all that might become

work; and positively, the doing of all which, in the opinion of the Rabbis, might tend to make the Sabbath "a delight." Hence, not only were fasting and mourning strictly prohibited, but food, dress, and every manner of enjoyment not incompatible with abstinence from work, were prescribed to render the day pleasureable. "All the days of the week," the Rabbis say, "has God paired, except the Sabbath, which is alone, that it may be wedded to Israel." Israel was to welcome the Sabbath as a bride; its advent as that of a king. But in practice all this terribly degenerated. Readers of the New Testament know how entirely, and even cruelly, the spirit and object of the Sabbath were perverted by the traditions of "the elders." But those only who have studied the Jewish law on the subject can form any adequate conception of the state of matters. Not to speak of the folly of attempting to produce joy by prescribed means, nor of the incongruousness of those means, considering the sacred character of the day, the almost numberless directions about avoiding work must have made a due observance of the Sabbath-rest the greatest labour of all. All work was arranged under thirty-nine chief classes, or "fathers," each of them having ever so many "de-

scendants," or subordinate divisions. Thus, "reaping" was one of the "fathers," or chief classes, and "plucking ears of corn" one of its descendants. So far did this punctiliousness go that it became necessary to devise ingenious means to render the ordinary intercourse of life possible, and to evade the inconvenient strictness of the law which regulated a "Sabbath-day's journey."*

The Temple, its Ministry and Services, Dr. Alfred E. Edersheim, pp. 147-148.

The Sabbath and Personal Salvation

So we can readily understand how, in the days of our Lord, the Sabbath had degenerated from a delight to an onerous duty to the leaders. The people quite evidently still delighted in the day. The Sabbath was equated by the rabbis "with the personal salvation of man." We must disagree. Salvation was never a matter of keeping the Sabbath. The Sabbath, like many other aspects of the law was a way of living. It never was a means of salvation.

The believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should study the Scriptures concerning the Sabbath. Only by under-

standing the whole teaching concerning it, can he avoid some deep pitfalls.

Although the author of the Epistle to the Hebrews, inspired by the Holy Spirit, could not equate the Sabbath with "personal salvation" he did apply the Sabbath to the rest of the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, Today, after so long a time; as it is said, Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. (Heb. 4:4-9).

We have seen what a great blessing the Sabbath rest was to all Israel. As blessed as that rest was, we who have believed in the Lord Jesus Christ have entered into a better rest. As God rested from a perfect work of Creation, the believer rests in a perfect work of redemption. May we who have entered into this rest continue to bring the message of God's grace to others.

"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his" (Heb. 4:10).

—Adapted from *Israel News*

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*By depositing a meal of meat at the end of a Sabbath-day's journey to make it, by a legal fiction, a man's domicile, from which he might start a fresh Sabbath-day's journey. The Mishnic tractate *Eruvin* treats of the connecting of houses, courts, etc. to render lawful the carrying out of food, etc. On the other hand, such an isolated expression occurs ("Mehilta," ed. "Weiss," p. 110a): "The Sabbath is given to you, not you to the Sabbath." If we might regard this as a current theological saying it would give a fresh meaning to the word of our Lord, Mark 2:27.

Remember!

CLERGY and laity to an alarming extent seem allied in their manifest hatred and avowed opposition to the only part of Jehovah's great Law that He prefixed with the word "REMEMBER." A most earnest plea to return to "the old paths" is asked in no uncertain terms by the writer. A whole law without jot or tittle erased or removed is our only hope in the saving of our nations, churches, and civilizations from their sure and final destruction against the rocks of infidelity and as our final safeguard through Christ against the fearful and dreadful judgment of God, into which the unsaved nations are soon to enter....

The whole law, called by the wise man "the whole duty of man" (Eccl. 12:3, 4), was written by the finger of God on tables of stone (Ex. 31:18) and spoken by the mouth of God. As Jesus said to Satan in the wilderness of temptation after forty days of fasting, "Man shall not live... but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

The seventh-day Sabbath Commandment proceeded out of the mouth of God—the day we call Saturday. The exact time of the seventh day is sundown Friday to sundown

Saturday. This sacred seventh day time is the only time or rest day command that God ordered. Sunday, or first day, command to rest did not come from the mouth of God. "Man shall not live... but by every word... out of the mouth of God." What commandment do you violate by working on Sunday? None of the ten. But if you hold Sunday as sacred, you transgress the Fourth Commandment, because you are ordered to work on that day. "Six days shalt thou labour." This takes in Sunday (Read Deut. 5:12-14 and Ex. 20:8-11). And—to repeat—had the whole law of God been taught by the clergy to their congregations, in the thought and purpose of Jehovah, the world would not be filled with crime as it is today.

Let us return to that Law thundered from Sinai (Ex. 19:9-25; 20:1-17). Let us accept it as Jehovah wrote it, and spoke it, and as Jesus Christ the Saviour of men, kept it (John 15:10; Luke 4:16). Let us return to the seventh-day Sabbath. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). Sooner or later this issue must be met. Will you meet this important issue now, reader, or postpone it until the Judgment?

"And to whom swear he [God] that they should not enter into his [Sabbath] rest, but to them that believed not?" So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore, Today, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts" (Heb. 3:18, 19; 4:17—read the fourth chapter).

Jesus Christ was noted for plain speech. At times He just hurled the truth at His opposers and enemies. Read Matthew 23. He assailed the church leaders and hypocrites with these words: "Ye serpents, ye gener-

ation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell" (verse 33).

It is the same today with most of the members of the clergy. Sunday is as different from the Sabbath as paganism is from Christianity. To offer unto Jehovah the first day of the week as the Sabbath rest of the Christian, in the place of the holy seventh day God (yes, Jesus—Luke 6:5) instituted and blessed at the end of creation week, is comparable to the offering of unclean animals upon the altar of Almighty God, in the place of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who alone taketh away the sin of the world.

The Bible states distinctly that "the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Nothing can make seventh mean first, or one equal to seven.

"And hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God" (Ezek. 20:20). Said Christ, "But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9). It was Constantine, a Roman emperor who claimed to be converted to Christianity, who in A.D. 321 made the first Sunday law. It had no spiritual significance at the time; it was only a political move.

It was later made a religious rest day by the Pope, as supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, to be observed in place of the holy rest day, ordained by Almighty God, the seventh day of the week (Dan. 7:25).

Protestantism is no longer protestant. It has long since ceased to protest. It is not surprising that God through Christ calls almost the entire religious system known as Christendom, "BABYLON THE GREAT,

THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:5). And the passage is prefixed by the word "MYSTERY." Yes, it is a great mystery that so many millions profess to love and serve God, and yet trample upon His holy Sabbath. They certainly are drunken with the wine of false doctrine.

The original slogan of Protestants was "The Bible and the Bible only." In many of the churches and creeds of our day the slogan has been changed to "The Bible and something else." Less of the Bible and more of something else has become the desire of the unregenerated. Religious profession in numberless cases has become a cloak to hide a double life. Indifference to the jot and tittle of the living Word of God has robbed Protestantism of its power as an effective agent in the hands of the Almighty for the conversion of sinners.

"Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). The seventh-day Sabbath is a part of that law. The current belief that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost took place on Sunday has been proven an error. This event transpired on Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, the day we now call Saturday.

If you are a Protestant, reader, the sooner you renounce Sunday and get off Catholic ground, the better for your future happiness. As far as the Fourth Commandment is concerned, most of the modern cults occupy Catholic ground today. In the name of God, I ask you, dear reader, upon what foundation are *you* building? Is it on the sands of fallible men's tradition, or upon the truth of the Rock of Ages?

The coming Judgment will try out
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The Perfect Law of Liberty

MONA DAVIS

MY citizen's duty and privilege during April was to be seven days on jury duty.

Our common reaction was that justice is not justice when it moves too slowly, hindered by too many laws, precedents, and lawyers. Tacitus said, "The more corrupt the state, the more laws." Yet don't we hear on every side, "There ought to be a law" when we hear or feel an injustice?

Sin is transgression of the law (God's Laws). Then should we pamper the criminal saying he is insane?

"But whoso *looketh* into the perfect law of liberty, and *continueth* therein, he being not a forgetful *hearer* but a *doer* of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25).

A perfect law

Perfect means "complete, thorough, finished, a crowning work, and faultless." God's law is "perfect, converting the soul: the testimony . . . is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa. 19).

How come, then, that with this perfect law written by God by His own hand on tables of stone, and now to be written on our minds and hearts, that we may all know Jahweh from the least to the greatest that it is called a law of bondage by many Christians—to be ignored, desecrated, and untaught? I am horrified, although I love Scofield's Bible, to find him saying in the notes, "As always the law can only curse." This

is the veil of tradition on the eyes not only of Christians but all nations which will be removed in the last days. Christ now removes this veil from our eyes from the Old Testament that we should go from glory unto glory by the Spirit of Jahweh (2 Cor. 3).

God's law, though, is forgotten and we multiply beyond measure our man-made laws which do not correct our troubles.

Liberty

How many battles inside and outside man have been fought through the centuries for freedom? Bondage of Israel, the black man, slavery to sin and injustice are all caused by alienation from God, and we are brought back through Christ. "Whoso committeth sin is the servant of sin and the servant abideth not in the house forever but the Son abideth forever. If the Son therefore make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

Keeping God's Word of Truth makes us free. So we must follow Jesus Christ *all the way*, teaching *all things* He commanded to *all nations* with His *all-power* (Matt. 28: 18-20).

Zechariah 7 says that the reason for the wrath of Jahweh is that the hearts of Israel were like adamant stone, "Lest they should hear the law; and the words which [Jahweh] of hosts hath sent in His Spirit by the former prophets; therefore came a great wrath from [Jahweh] of hosts." The

reason for captivity, desolation, scattering and death from 518 B.C. to 70 A.D. was not hearing and doing the Law of God as He gave it clearly in Deuteronomy 28, but blessings of liberty, health, and true prosperity are promised for keeping it.

I wrote a letter to President Nixon after a speech he had made, saying that I believe our enemies are not first of all Russia, Red China, or any foreign power, but lust, hate, crime, and forgetting God, Who said He would fight our battles *if* we would obey Him. Then what do we do but store poison gas enough to kill the whole earth, guided missiles and armaments not only for ourselves but other nations?

"And this shall be the plague where-with the Lord [Jahweh] will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth" (Zech. 14:12). This is more than loss of liberty; it is a horrible death.

It is our American privilege to protest wrong and stand for the right, then pray diligently for those in authority. I know God honors all this. We want all America safe in God!

Looking, Continuing, Hearing, and Doing

James says that in doing these four things we are blessed. This is fulfilling the law. Yet most denominations say that Christ fulfilled it, so we do not need to do so. Romans 8 tells this very well, Jesus did fulfill the law; but this perfect law must be fulfilled in us through grace and His Spirit. Man that is born of the

Spirit is spiritual; but when he is not born of the Spirit, he is carnal and not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. "Because the carnal man is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be"—God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin condemned sin in the flesh *that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.*

Blessings and Promises

As individuals, we are to be blessed in our deeds. Psalm 1 says "Blessed is the man . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord [Jahweh] in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth fruit in its season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Satisfactory long life, barns filled with plenty, health to the navel and marrow to the bones are all promised in Proverbs 3; rain in its season, fruitful fields, wombs, and cities in Deuteronomy 28.

But the Kingdom promises which are sure when Christ reigns over all the earth are at least seven: 1. Health—The inhabitants shall no more say, "I am sick." 2. Education—All our children shall be taught of Jahweh with great peace. 3. A pure language. 4. Security of each man's vine and fig tree. 5. They shall learn war no more. 6. The glory of Jahweh shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. 7. He shall reign from shore to shore, and His name is One. Here is freedom and all we can desire. Praise Jahweh!



On Sabbathkeepers

**ASSOCIATION OF SEVENTH DAY
PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES,
INC.**

We wish to take this means to clarify our position relative to religious organizations. We are a non-denominational, non-sectarian fellowship, organized into a fellowship from non-denominational, non-sectarian Assemblies, for the purpose of uniting the different assemblies and isolated members of our faith to advance the Gospel message through further evangelistic efforts, both local and in foreign lands.

This association in no way does nor wishes to exercise any authority over pastors, or the people of local Assemblies, but fully believes in local autonomy.

In order that those concerned may be further acquainted with this fellowship, we present a few of the basic Bible doctrines which we approve.

WE BELIEVE:

In the blood of Jesus for the remission of sins (Heb. 9:22; Lev. 17:11).

In baptism by immersion in water (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12; I Pet. 2:21; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38).

In sanctification by the blood (1

John 1:7; Heb. 13:12).

In sanctification by the Spirit (1 Pet. 1:2; 2 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 15:16).

In sanctification by the Word (John 17:17, 19).

That the Spirit leads us to the truth (John 16:13), and the truth makes us free (John 8:31, 32; 6:44, 45).

In the baptism of the Holy Spirit as rest for the soul (Acts 2:4; Heb. 4:1; Isa. 28:12), and endowment of power for service (Acts 1:8).

In keeping the Sabbath as rest for the body (Ex. 20:8-11, Heb. 4:1, 4, 10).

In the millennium as rest for both soul and body.

In the healing of all sickness and disease (Isa. 53:5; 1 Pet. 2:24; Mark 16:18; James 5:14).

That each of the Ten Commandments is equal, and that no one commandment is subordinate to the others (James 2:10; Rom. 7:6).

That Christ has a church which represents His Body, and to have fellowship in said church we must endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

That we should and will have this unity by obeying God's order of lifting our voices together, and singing together (Isa. 52:8), and that we shall see eye to eye when He (Christ) brings again Zion.

That His second coming is personal, imminent, and is the blessed hope of the church (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

We believe that Christ is the only one who can help everyone. We preach the whole gospel for the whole man (1 Thess. 5:23).

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REMEMBER

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every man's work, whether it be of God or not. Said the Saviour: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:19).

Know this, reader, that you will never enter through the pearly gates of the New Jerusalem, or reach forth your hand and pluck the fruit of the tree of life, or drink of the clear wa-

ter of the river of life unless you keep the Ten Commandments, of which the seventh-day Sabbath is the fourth (Rev. 22:14).

Who said this? Jesus. "I Jesus" (Rev. 22:16). As Jesus said to the rich man who asked Him, "What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?... If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matt. 19:16, 17). It is the Law of God we are commanded to keep, not the law of Moses which ended at the Cross.

God's blessings will rest upon all who obey Him.

—From *Good Tidings*

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Thank you, dear friends, who are helping make this enlarged outreach possible, along with the portion allocated to radio work from the reserve fund.

Please continue to send regular offerings that we may continue and enlarge the outreach further. More co-workers are needed if this is to be true. Ask God what YOU should do about this work.

If you or your local church would like to sponsor a radio program in some given area, please write the director, Frank M. Walker, Box 575, Meridian, Idaho 83642.

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Speakers on this program are Frank M. Walker and Bob Rogers. Elder and Sister Harvey Otto are doing follow-up work in Phoenix, Ariz. Please pray each day for this ministry.



A Note
from
the Editor

Religious Revolution

I HAD hoped that it would come, but I must admit I was surprised when it actually did come: it was hard to believe my eyes and ears.

The first evidence was at the Church of God (Seventh Day) Spring Vale Academy, which I visited during April. Young folks were singing and testifying—and acting—so that one knew the Lord was real and close to them. The thrill in my soul is still there.

Then, at my home church, the Blessed Hope Singers presented a program of gospel songs that testified of a joyous religious experience they wanted to tell others about. I had never heard songs like this in my denomination, and again my heart was warmed.

I had heard of a religious revival at Andrews University, which had changed the whole religious atmosphere of the school; of an all-night prayer meeting and of spontaneous prayer sessions in the dormitories. One Sabbath a group of almost 30 students from Andrews visited our church. The result of the revival was evident as they presented the church program; the Spirit of God was there. It was so hard to believe, after hearing

them tell what Christ had done for them (one presented an original song, accompanied with banjo and guitar), that the worship hour had passed so soon.

But this was only a prelude to even greater things. While the visitors were waiting for their dinner, they sang—and what singing it was! To use the words of one of the songs, “heaven came down and glory filled our souls.” I caught myself singing (and even clapping my hands) with the rest of them.

Emotion? Yes it was very evident. But for many years I have attended churches where there was little emotion: it was a welcome change. It always seemed strange that many who get emotional over a ball game think that emotion in religious matters is bad.

When I took our children to a park Sabbath afternoon, it was filled with these young people introducing others to their Friend.

This is not exactly what many of us have expected as the latter-day revival; many things God sends are not just what we expect. But it is real, and I am thankful for it.

Eugene Lincoln

“It was the Catholic Church which by the authority of Jesus Christ, has transformed this rest to Sunday in remembrance of the resurrection of our Lord. Thus the observance of Sunday by the Protestants is an homage they pay, in spite of themselves, to the authority of the [Catholic] Church”—*Plain Talk about the Protestantism of Today*, by Mgr. Segur, p. 213.

FIVE GENERATIONS



Pictured here are five generations. In the back row, left to right, are Mrs. W. H. Lewis, a subscriber to the Sentinel; Mrs. Louise Allen, Mrs. Lewis' mother; Mrs. Louis Fitzwater; and Mrs. Shirley Ann Peace. In front is Mrs. Lewis' great granddaughter, Sandy Peace.

GOD'S SIGN OF SANCTIFICATION

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Demonstrating our love to God by keeping His commandments is fairly common among Christians of all persuasions—with the exception of one commandment. Few followers of the Saviour approve of having other gods, worshipping idols, profaning God's name, dishonouring parents, killing, committing adultery, stealing, lying, or coveting what is not theirs. There seems to be only one which is generally disregarded by most of Christendom—that is the one commanding observance of the seventh day as the Sabbath. The Lord, knowing that this would be the one most easily for-

gotten, prefaced it—alone of all the ten—with the word "Remember."

Perhaps for that reason the Lord chose the Fourth Commandment as the one which would be a "sign" of sanctification (Ex. 31:13, Ezek. 20:12, 20). Could it have been that He knew many who called themselves by His name would be willing to go nine-tenths of the way, but only a comparative few would take the additional step of observing the seventh day—the one He ordained—as the Sabbath?

An ideal Sabbath should include some time spent in prayer, some in reading His word, and some spent in service to others. These things will all work together to draw one nearer to God and to make him Godlike; they will help him draw nearer the goal of sanctification.

This is not to say that Sabbath observance, of itself, will make one holy; only the Holy Spirit working in his heart will do that. But this will put him into the position where he is able to receive the Holy Spirit and let it work on him.

Sabbath observance, then, is a sign—one of several—that one is letting the Lord sanctify him. It is a sad fact that many who claim to keep the Sabbath are Christians in name only. Sabbathkeeping might be compared to the engraving on a piece of paper money. On the real thing the lines are sharp and clear; on the counterfeit they are blurred even though it looks the same at first glance.

The world is tired of observing what has been called Christianity for many years: it is looking—many times in vain—for the genuine article. Sabbathkeeping, backed by a Spirit-filled life is the answer to what it seeks.

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of the Holy Spirit." God gives the Holy Spirit to all them that obey Him (Acts 5:32). Without the Holy Spirit, you could not live a life of obedience.

The Holy Spirit is the opposite of the carnal spirit. The carnal spirit (mind) wants what it wants regardless of God and His laws. To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. . . . The carnal mind [the natural mind of man] is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be (Rom. 8:6, 7).

This explains that animosity you feel toward obeying God's laws. It is the carnal mind. You may know His laws are good, and that you should obey them. In your own strength you cannot (Rom. 7:14-16). You need God's Holy Spirit that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in you as you walk not after the flesh (carnal, fleshly mind) but after the spirit (Rom. 8:3).

God has promised to give you His Holy Spirit if you will repent and be baptized and ask Him for it. But you must ask for it! Your heavenly Father shall give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him (Luke 11:13). Believe that promise—take God at His word.

As you study God's word and pray daily to Him, you will find the strength from above to be among the blessed who do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and enter in through the gates into the city (Rev. 22:14). The choice is yours and it is a matter of life and death.

I realize what I have written is totally different from what is taught by the average church of this world. But the honest reader will note every statement is documented by scriptural fact. It is not my opinion; it is not what I think about it. It is what God says.

Yes, I could tell you to "receive Jesus" and "give your heart to the Lord" (which is fine if one knows what is meant by it). But to instruct a lost sinner so, and never tell him what God requires of those who would receive Jesus and give their hearts to the Lord is of no profit to anyone.

Indeed, many people have not been told the truth of what God requires and have instead been induced into an emotional frenzy which they thought was "conversion." Such people are deceived and need to look into the Bible, as is my prayer that every reader shall do, to see if the things spoken are so (Acts 17:11). —Tract

Bible Sabbath Association Now Offers Annuity Plan

Lawrence Burrell, secretary-treasurer of the Bible Sabbath Association, announces that the association is now offering annuities for those interested in investing their savings in "heavenly treasures" and at the same time retaining a lifetime interest.

One of the advantages of such an arrangement is that it enables one to avoid the costly process of probating and disposition of his property by the state.

Those interested in further details may obtain them by writing to the Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

COVER PHOTO

The cover photo shows the rostrum of the Pioneer Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich. It was taken by Jack Allen.

LIFE IN THE BANK

A young boy had opened his first savings account.

"Mom," he said as they left the bank, "Did you ever think that God asks for only a tenth of our money, but wants a seventh of our time? Time must be more valuable than money."

"Yes," his mother nodded. "But then all time and money really belong to God. We need to think of that seventh day as a day God wants to give TO US, rather than a day we must give to Him. We're like banks ourselves when we rest and worship receiving God's spiritual deposit. If we fail to rest, the first thing we know, we've spent ourselves up. We're overdrawn. That's why your Dad and I have tried always to keep the Sabbath day holy. It's not like MONEY in the bank; it's LIFE in the bank."

—Nell Suttles Abbot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.

Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath

fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.

This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath-observing people (John 13:35).

WANTED: High school students interested in a Christian education. No Sabbath conflicts. Bible and prayer are a part of each school day. For information: S.V.A., 4150 S. M-52, Owosso, Mich. 48867.

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WHAT IS THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION?

It is an *undenominational* organization, open to all believers in the seventh-day Sabbath. It now has a branch with headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand, and members in several countries.

WHERE ARE THE HEADQUARTERS LOCATED?

They are located at Fairview, Oklahoma 73737. Requests for information, orders for literature, and offerings, should be sent there. Residents of the United States can deduct the offerings from their income for tax purposes.

WHEN WAS IT ORGANIZED?

Its beginnings can be traced to the outcome of correspondence in late 1943 between a few Sabbathkeepers of various beliefs and affiliations who felt the need for a closer cooperation between various Sabbathkeepers.

WHY WAS IT FORMED?

Its main purposes are to promote fellowship and cooperation between Sabbathkeepers of various groups; to promote Sabbath observance on an undenominational basis; to restore respect and honor for the Ten Commandments as a whole, with special emphasis on the Fourth, which has been forgotten by most of the world; to encourage the repeal of laws which enforce the keeping of Sunday (or any day) by any unit of man's government; and to defeat the adoption of any calendar which would disrupt the seven-day weekly cycle.

INTERESTED?

If you are interested or want to become a member write to

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